

**J-2350      JICA****STUDENT DRESS**

The Board recognizes the critical importance of its educational mission to promote academic achievement and a safe and secure environment at all campuses in the District. To assist in creating a positive educational environment, a dress code ~~that includes mandatory uniforms~~ has been adopted for the District. ~~The Board believes the dress code is in the best interests of the District's students for at least~~ the following reasons:

~~*Climate for learning.* Uniforms help students focus on learning. They help set the tone of the proper work attitude in the classroom, reducing behavior problems and improving performance.~~

~~*School unity and pride.* Attractive student uniforms promote school spirit, good self-image, and school unity.~~

~~*Label competition.* Uniforms eliminate "label competition" and the peer pressure to wear expensive clothing. They allow the students' attention to be directed to learning.~~

~~*Economy and simplicity.* Uniforms are economical. Comparisons show that uniforms cost significantly less than what most parents pay for unregulated school clothing. Durability, reusability, and the year-to-year consistency cut costs. Student dress options are simplified, thus reducing the tug-of-war between students and parents over what to wear.~~

~~*Upholding of modesty standards.* Uniforms meet widely accepted standards of modesty, thus eliminating the conflicting interpretations of dress codes and the embarrassment that often is associated with "violations" of dress codes.~~

~~No student will be denied an education for inability to afford a uniform. In situations of economic need, the District will work with parents and students to resolve any family's financial inability to purchase a student uniform.~~

~~For students who do not wish to follow the dress code, the District will provide information for alternative enrollment in a neighboring school district.~~

~~*Adopted:*    date of Manual adoption~~

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CROSS REF.:    JICF - Secret Societies/Gang Activity